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Subject: Fwd: Attorney General John Ashcroft Letter

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a retired accountant who has been following the Microsoft antitrust case, I'm still trying to come to terms with the fact that it was determined that Microsoft was acting as a monopoly. How has the public been hurt by the practices of Microsoft? I remember when the price of computers and software was prohibitive for the consumer. Because of Bill Gates' technical and business acumen, DOS standardized and unified computer systems, and Windows popularized the graphical user interface, dramatically increasing user-friendliness and computer literacy. Thanks in large part to these developments; computers are now commonplace and cheap, reliable and easy to use, and versatile and useful in all kinds of ways.

Now that a settlement has been reached, there is now the threat of more litigation? It's a desperation move on the part of Microsoft's competition. Since they lack the knowledge and the fortitude to compete in the market, they're suing instead. And the attorney generals of the nine states that want increased litigation are only trying to further their careers by getting more money for their respective states. This is grossly unfair.

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Microsoft has gone out of its way to cooperate even beyond what was expected. What other company has agreed to license its operating system to the 20 largest computer companies on identical terms, conditions and price? Microsoft did. How many companies have agreed to disclose various internal interfaces of their operating system to the competition? Microsoft did. I guess that's not enough?!

This lawsuit has got to stop. It has dragged on for over three years and may take another three years to resolve. I'm afraid for what this could do to the economy if it is allowed to continue. More poor people have moved up the ranks toward middle and upper middle class because of Bill Gates. I have full faith in Microsoft's ability to come back on top if this litigation ends quickly. Otherwise, if the company is allowed to be destroyed, it will have devastating effects on this already fragile economy.

Sincerely,

Andrew Calapai

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